

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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 MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:           :
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BJ Liquor, Inc.             :
t/a Uncle Lee's Seafood    :
1020 Eastern Ave NE       : Protest
Retailer A - ANC 7C       : Hearing (Status)
License No. 120654        :
Case #24-PRO-00057       :
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(Application to Renew      :
the License)              :
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Wednesday
 July 17, 2024

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
 SILAS GRANT, JR., Member
 JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
 BYUNG HYUN LEE, Licensee
 ANTAWAN HOLMES, ANC 7C

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 10:39 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 in our calendar is case number 24-PRO-00057,
5 Uncle Lee's Seafood, license number 120654.

6 Good morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you
7 please elevate the rights of the Licensee and the
8 Protestant in this case?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Good morning. Byung
10 Hyun Lee, your access have been elevated.
11 Antawan Holmes, your access has been elevated.
12 And that appears to be all, Chairman.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 MR. LEE: Byung Lee. I'm present --

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. All
16 right, sir. Do you have a camera you can turn
17 on, sir?

18 MR. LEE: Yeah. One second. I'm
19 working on it right now -- yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine.
21 Good morning, sir. Can you please spell and
22 state your name for the record?

23 MR. LEE: Yes. My name is Byung Hyun
24 Lee. Spelling, B-Y-U-N-G, H-Y-U-N, L-E-E.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is

1 your relationship to the establishment?

2 MR. LEE: I'm the owner of the Uncle
3 Lee's Seafood and Liquor Store.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
5 sir.

6 MR. LEE: Good morning, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
8 Mr. Holmes. Can you please spell and state your
9 name for the record?

10 MR. HOLMES: A-N-T-A-W-A-N, Holmes, H-
11 O-L-M-E-S. Chair, ANC 7C.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
13 sir. Are there any preliminary matters in this
14 case? Mister -- start with Mr. Lee.

15 Any problems, any concerns. Not
16 substantive but just any problems, any concerns
17 that you have, sir.

18 MR. LEE: Not really, sir. It's my
19 first time being here. And then, I'm trying --
20 I'm still learning things. So, I don't really
21 have any questions at the moment.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, that's
23 fine. Mr. Lee? I'm sorry. Mr. Holmes?

24 MR. HOLMES: Thank you. So, ANC 7C,
25 on our special meeting on July the 11, did vote

1 to approve the -- to approve this, upon the
2 completion of the settlement agreement. We have
3 a -- we have a draft settlement agreement from
4 Mr. Lee. We will be reviewing it, actually,
5 later today, after this meeting. So, it's still
6 moving ahead towards the settlement.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
8 it appears that -- okay. That's great. It's
9 good to hear that the parties --

10 MR. HOLMES: Thank you, Mr. Lee.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- have a
12 settlement agreement that probably will be
13 approved. And what I will ask the parties to do
14 is, as soon as the settlement agreement has been
15 approved, please provide this to the Agency as
16 soon as possible.

17 If this matter -- so, if it's -- so,
18 as you said, Mr. Holmes, if you discuss it today
19 and you believe that -- are you having an ANC
20 meeting today or, when is your next meeting?

21 MR. HOLMES: We had our special July
22 meeting for ABRA, for ABCA, last Thursday. So,
23 we've gone through all of the cases. At this
24 point, it's all about -- it's, for every one of
25 them, it's a finalization of the settlement

1 agreements. They're all -- most of them are in
2 draft. We've already submitted a few already,
3 that you've stated earlier today.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, that's
5 fine. So, if you meet today, you could
6 conceivable provide a copy of it to the Board, to
7 say that -- to the Agency, to say this case has
8 been settled? That's what I'm just trying to
9 find --

10 (Simultaneous speaking.)

11 MR. HOLMES: Absolutely, yes. That is
12 what we're working towards. Mr. Lee has been
13 very forthcoming to the community and addressing
14 everything. We just need to finish the document.
15 We just need more time, that's all.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
17 thank you. All right, if this matter is now
18 settled, which it appears that it will be
19 settled, then is scheduled for a protest hearing
20 on September the 11th at 1:30 p.m.

21 Just want to let you know, that if
22 this matter goes to a protest hearing, seven days
23 prior to the hearing, the parties are required to
24 provide -- to exchange -- to do a PIF to -- and
25 provide -- exchange the document to each other,

1 each side.

2 Mr. Lee, you stated that you have
3 never done this before. If this matter is going
4 to a protest hearing, you can reach out to our
5 agency. And you can also do that to -- you can
6 also do that, also, Mr. Holmes. You can reach
7 out to our agency and we will provide more
8 information, how a hearing will operate if this
9 matter goes to a hearing. Okay?

10 MR. LEE: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

12 MR. HOLMES: Thank you very much.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, hope not to
14 see you on September 11. Good luck with your
15 continued negotiations. And thank you very much.
16 All right.

17 MR. LEE: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

19 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
20 went off the record at 10:44 a.m.)

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